

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m., at Kadesh Baptist Church, 20361 Plymouth, Detroit, Michigan 48228.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Walter Martin  
AC George A. Hall Jr.  
DC Ronald Haddad  
DC Brenda Goss-Andrews  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Tony Saunders  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Joyce Motley  
DC Ralph Godbee  
DC Billy McFarley  
DC Marshall Lyons  
Cmdr. Dennis Fulton  
Cmdr. Daniel Oneill  
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry  
Cmdr. James Suchoski  
Cmdr. Brian Davis  
Cmdr. Janice Butler  
Cmdr. Todd Bettison  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Lt. Dwane Blackmon  
Lt. Paul Welles  
Lt. Terry Herbert  
Sgt. Samer Jazfar  
P.O. Michael Gordon  
P.O. Myra Gracey  
P.O. Jeffery Townsend  
P.O. Michael Woody  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Inv./Comm. Relations

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters	William Sledge
Ron Scott	Elias Gatewood
Ola Norman	Ed DeCowen
Art Leloud	Felisa Goldsmith
Carolyn Chambers	Ilka Lapeer
Helen Woods	Brad Wilson
Linda Gruss	Laura Gruss
Jennifer Gruss	Mary Banks
Charles Wright	Lorrie France
Robert Kucinskis	Suzanne Purzycki
E. Fischer	Michael Stewart
Joseph Owens	Viola Owens
Mary McGhee	Senator Burton Leland
Carrie Engle	Robert Engle
Derrick Hale	Kelly Potts

**RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:55 pm.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**Chairperson Ramirez** thanked Bishop Gregory Foster for hosting this community meeting.

**Comm. Holley** read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, October 27, 2005**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

## 3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

### RESOLUTION HONORING

Ms. Loretta France

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Loretta France is a resident and community leader in the city of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. France is actively involved in furthering the education of our community's senior citizens by teaching them basic computer skills. She also participated in the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training academy and subsequently completed the C.E.R.T. Train the Trainer program; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. France, in addition to being a board member of the Northwestern District B.U.O.Y. Organization, was instrumental in

forming the Brighton Environmental Committee, where she assists in addressing concerns of blight in her community; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. France contributes her time to the neighborhood City Hall and the Detroit Police Department's Community Relations Office, where she aides in monitoring violations pertaining to Bulk Pick-Up; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. France, in addition to all of the aforementioned activities, finds the time to volunteer for Angels Night, Detroit Project Efforts, National Night Out and Motor City Makeover.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledges the generous spirit of Mrs. Loretta France. Her unselfishness and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mrs. Loretta France.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
September 8, 2005 Commissioner**

**MOTION:** Chairperson Ramirez made the motion to approve the above Resolution.

**SECOND:** Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** presented Ms. France with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the department.

**Cmdr. Davis** presented Ms. France with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**Ms. France** thanked everyone for recognizing her.

### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

P.O. Geoffrey Townsend

#### **IN APPRECIATION OF THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING SERVICE:**

Your dedication and commitment to servicing the youths of the City of Detroit. Through your camp for wayward youths, you have successfully taken up the challenge of being a mentor, and through your leadership, have enriched the lives of many youths.

**P.O. Townsend** thanked the Detroit Police Department and the Northwestern District for being recognized.

**DC Mc Farley** stated that officer Townsend is very special. He was named the 2005 Angel of the year by Blue Cross Blue Shield. The panel of judges had a hard decision trying to pick the winner from the nominees. They were all worthy of this award. He takes pride in caring for all citizens of Detroit especially our youths.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the above Certificate of Recognition.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

#### **4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

##### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1200</b>
<b>2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1311</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 15 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 4 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 5 cases to OCI.

## **5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***



*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

During the period of November 1st- November 7th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 35 search warrants and 31 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 45 Felony arrests
  - 111 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 5 Juveniles detained
  - 2,516.2 Grams of cocaine, 72.6 grams of heroin, 39,919.2 grams of marijuana, street value **\$1,296,836.00**
  - **\$127,293.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 24 Handguns

#### **Homicide**

On November 4th, officers from Homicide responded to the area of Westbrook and Midland on a “Shooting” run. An investigation revealed that a man hired a female exotic dancer for a private party. While at the party the homeowner accused the dancer of stealing and a physical altercation ensued. The dancer left the location and called one of her male friends. The dancer and her friend returned to the party and incited a verbal altercation which resulted in the dancer's friend producing a handgun and shooting the homeowner multiple times in the chest. Subsequent to an investigation, the man and the dancer were arrested without incident for “Felony Murder,” “Felon in Possession” and “Felony Firearm.”

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday November 17, 2005  
@3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Headquarters**  
1300 Beaubien, Suite 328A  
Detroit, MI 48228

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#### **Domestic Violence**

On November 1st, officers from Domestic Violence responded to the 15000 block of Rutherford on a “Kidnapping” run. An investigation revealed that a man kidnapped a woman, tortured and sexually assaulted her over the course of the night. As a result of an investigation the man was arrested without incident for “Kidnapping,” “Felony Assault,” “Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm” and “Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree.”



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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Eastern District



On November 1st, officers of the Eastern District, responded to the area of Hayes and Whittier on a "Robbery/Armed—Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile" run. Officers immediately broadcast the description of the wanted man and the vehicle. **As a result of their quick response the vehicle was observed in the area and officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase, one (1) man was arrested for "Robbery / Motor Vehicle (carjacking)." Confiscated was one (1) vehicle.**

### Northeastern District

On November 5th, officers from the Northeastern District responded to the area of E. Jefferson and Mt. Elliott on a "Robbery in Progress" run. The investigation disclosed that while cleaning the store before closing, a man approached the counter and acted as though he was armed and demanded money. While attempting to flee the location the man was observed by officers running towards the alley. **Subsequent to an investigation and after a brief foot chase, the man was arrested for "Robbery/Armed—Business."**

### Central District

On November 3rd, officers from the Central District responded to the 71 block of E. Ferry on a "Larceny from Building" run. An investigation revealed that a man was inside of a construction site attempting to steal materials. **Subsequent to an investigation the man as arrested without incident for "Larceny over \$1,000.00" and "Habitual 4th Offense." Further investigation disclosed the man was on parole and has been charged with numerous larcenies and robberies within the Central District.**

### Western District

On November 5th, officers of the Western District while on patrol in the area of Dexter and Webb observed a man shooting at a vehicle and running down the street. Further investigation disclosed the man was attempting to sell crack cocaine to the man in the vehicle. The seller produced a handgun and attempted to rob the driver. The man in the vehicle sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead. **The man was arrested without incident for "Murder-First Degree."**



### Southwestern District



On November 5th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 2000 block of Cabot on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that while a man was driving down Cahalan near Lawndale, a subject armed with a shotgun fired at the man's windshield. **Subsequent to an investigation the subject was arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Murder" and "Felony Firearm." Confiscated was one (1) shotgun and one (1) spent casing.**

### Northwestern District

On November 4th, officers of the Northwestern District while on patrol in the area of Fenkell and Schaefer, observed a man driving a vehicle westbound with blinding and/or glaring lights. The officers initiated a traffic stop. **As a result of their investigation the man was arrested without incident for "No Operator's License on Person," "Carrying Concealed Weapon—Motor Vehicle" and "Habitual 2nd Offense."**



**Chief Bully-Cummings** mentioned the benefit concert that is being put on by the Detroit Police Department for the police officers and firemen of New Orleans. If you need additional information, please call the Public Information Division at (313) 596-2200.

## **6. PRESENTATION/REPORT – NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT**

**DC McFarley** gave a brief overview of the Northwestern District and current endeavors. He also introduced his staff members.

The Northwestern District is the largest and the busiest district in the city of Detroit. They cover 34.1 miles and have 233,500 citizens in the district. Since the Restructuring Plan, they have been able to put out 15 more patrol cars. From 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., the district puts out 38-40 patrol cars. We have a pilot program where the officers get out of the patrol cars and walk for 30 minutes. We are trying to make the quality of life in the district better for all the citizens.

He expressed his appreciation and gave recognition to Chief Bully-Cummings for the implementation of the Restructuring Plan in light of a tight budget.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked if the Northwestern District holds their Community Relations meetings in the district.

**DC McFarley** stated yes, ma'am.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how many citizens attend these meetings.

**DC McFarley** stated since the merger of the precincts, they get between one hundred and hundred thirty.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked who is the president of the Community Relation Council.

**DC McFarley** stated Mr. Derrick Hale is president of one group.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated to Chairperson Ramirez the last city-wide Community Relations Council involved all of the presidents from the old precincts. We are moving forward to blend both Community Relations Councils within their district. Now we should be able to accomplish that mission.

**DC McFarley** stated to the Chief, tell them to use the Northwestern District concept and they will be fine.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated one of the greatest honors is to be appreciated by the people that you work with. She thanked DC McFarley and his staff for the compliments. She stated that she monitors what is going on in each district. We know that the Restructuring Plan is working even though some people have tried to sabotage it. In light of the budget challenges we think it is a good plan for the city.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, November 17, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Police Headquarters, Room 328-A**  
**1300 Beaubien**  
**Detroit, MI 48226**

## **9. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Comm. Holley** asked the citizens who will be speaking to speak louder because there's only one speaker working.

**P.O. Crawford** stated he had a chance to view the new video system for the cell blocks and hopes that the public will get a chance to view it. He stated it will also be in compliance with the Consent Decree.

He stated another issue is dealing with the appearance of having political repression in the police department. We need to keep an eye on this because my wife was involved with a high ranking official on this subject. He stated to the Chief that she will be getting a letter on this matter.

**Chief Bull-Cummings** stated we will look into it.

**Bill Sledge** stated to the Board what a good job they are doing. He stated he is disappointed at the turn out of citizens at these meetings.

**Derrick Hale** announced to the Board that this year's Christmas Party will be held at Fellowship Chapel on December 9, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. He invited the Board and thanked everyone for recognizing one of his members.

**Jessie Morris** stated to her members to please submit their block club letters.

**Kelly Potts** stated that the Reality Check program continues to help the youths in Taft Middle School.

**Senator Burton Leland** stated he would like to welcome everyone to his district and will be around to answer questions after the meeting.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**